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**By ECF**

The Honorable Paul A. Engelmayer  
United States District Judge  
Southern District of New York  
40 Foley Square  
New York, NY 10007

Re: *The New York Times Co. v. Federal Bureau of Prisons*, 20 Civ. 833 (PAE)

Dear Judge Engelmayer:

This Office represents defendant the Federal Bureau of Prisons ("BOP") in this Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552, action brought by plaintiff the New York Times Company (the "Times") seeking the release of certain records related to Jeffrey Epstein. I write respectfully pursuant to Rule 4.B.2 of the Court's Individual Rules and Practices in Civil Cases to seek leave to file under seal and *ex parte* a letter to the Court, which will be filed contemporaneously with this public letter on ECF and electronically related to it. As set out in greater detail in the letter, the basis for the sealing request is that the letter contains sensitive and confidential information that cannot be described publicly in greater detail without compromising confidentiality.

The Government has conferred with the Times about the filing of the sealed, *ex parte* letter and non-confidential portions of its contents.

Per the contents of the sealed letter, the Government respectfully requests that its filings today satisfy the Court's directions to the parties in its April 13, 2021, Order, Dkt. 45, with the Government to make an initial production for *in camera* review and to submit an additional proposed schedule by April 30, 2021.

I thank the Court for its consideration of this submission.

Respectfully submitted,

Granted.

SO ORDERED.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul A. Engelmayer".  
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PAUL A. ENGELMAYER  
United States District Judge

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